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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL TOURISM
WORKING GROUP MEETING

1. AMEXCO REP HANSEN-STURM ADVISED DEPARTMENT, FEB 22,
THAT SOVIETS ARE PRESSING HARD FOR A MEETING OF THE US-USSR
TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL'S TOURISM WORKING GROUP, AND
HAVE SUGGESTED MARCH 18-24 AS POSSIBLE DATES. AMEXCO,
ANXIOUS THAT MEETING BE MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN PAST WORKING
GROUP GATHERINGS, IS RECOMMENDING THAT US ACCEPT ONLY ON
CONDITION THAT VISIT USA COMMITTEE ALSO BE INVITED TO MEET
WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET TOURISM OFFICIALS.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH AMEXCO THAT WORKING GROUP
MEETING SHOULD BE AS SUBSTANTIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT WE
SHOULD KEEP LETTING SOVIETS KNOW THAT A PRIMARY US
OBJECTIVE IS EXPANSION OF SOVIET TOURISM TO US. WHAT IS
EMBASSY'S VIEW OF INVOLVEMENT OF VISIT USA COMMITTEE IN
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